

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1151

By Brown

A RESOLUTION to commend Daniel Raphael Patterson for exemplary service as a second term legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Raphael Patterson is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a 2012 second-term legislative intern for twenty-year veteran State Representative Tommie F. Brown, Ph.D. (House District 28 – Hamilton County – Chattanooga, Tennessee); Daniel's work not only resulted in innumerable benefits for Representative Brown and her legislative executive assistant, Rosetta M. Davis, but also other legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Patterson was born on October 31, 1989, the second child born to Cynthia Boyd and Daryl Patterson; and

WHEREAS, he is the brother of D' Andre Patterson, age twenty-three, Paris Patterson, age twenty, and Raymond Boyd, age eighteen, and he is the grandson of Larry Boyd, Shirley Boyd, Robert Haynes, and Drue Haynes; and

WHEREAS, a senior graduating May 5, 2012, at Tennessee State University (TSU), where he is highly regarded by his peers, Daniel has achieved academic success while majoring in political science and participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including serving as a parliamentarian and vice-chairman to TSU's Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature Delegation and president of TSU's College Democrats; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Patterson has been inducted into the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society, will be a 2012 graduate of the TSU Honors

Program, and has been specially recognized by News 2 Nashville for his Hope Scholarship success story; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patterson was also selected to serve as a 2012 Summer Vista Associate for Illinois Campus Compact partnered under AmeriCorps. He aspires to pursue a career in public service and the legal profession, and he also will create a non-profit organization for disadvantaged youth; and

WHEREAS, among the numerous people who have encouraged and contributed to Mr. Patterson's immeasurable success, he would like to specially thank Yolanda Arnold in the Office of Minority Affairs; the TSU Political Science Department; TSU professors Dr. Hoyt King and Dr. Brian Russell; TSU's University Honors Program Directors Dr. Sandra Holt and Dr. William Latham; his best friend, Naila Hunter; his colleague, Christopher Martin; his grandparents, Robert and Drue Haynes and Larry and Shirley Boyd; and his great-aunt, Nell Broughton; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patterson would also like to thank the TSU interns of the Class of 2012: Dena Donald, Angel Dunson, Breanna Pendilton, Aris Walker, Byron Glenn, Ashley Collins, Christopher Moore, Kristi Roberts, Mary K. Brown, and Rodriguez Wright; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Daniel Patterson brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2011 and 2012 sessions of the One Hundred Seventh General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2012 legislative session, Mr. Patterson has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Patterson has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Daniel Raphael Patterson for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Tommie F. Brown and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.